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**EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : TELEBUSCHER et al.  
 SERIAL NO. : 09/902,055  
 FILED : 10 July 2001  
 FOR : METHODS OF AT LEAST PARTIALLY COATING BACKING  
 MATERIALS  
 ART UNIT : 1762  
 EXAMINER : Katherine A. Bareford

8 October 2003

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 Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 15 August 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows as stated in the "Amendments to the Specification", "Amendments to the Claims" and "Amendments to the Drawings" sections (as applicable) in this response.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEE**

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.